Films on agriculture

6973. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and achievements for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 and 1994-95 for agriculture films financed by the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Agriculture are getting their documentary films produced themselves through private producers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Films Division's targets and achievements for production of agricultural films, financed by the Ministry of Agriculture are as under:—

Year	Target	Anhievement
1992-93	12-18 films	2 films
1993-94	12-18 films	2 films
1994-95	12-18 films	3 films

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. All posts in the Agriculture unit of the Films Division have been abolished in a phased manner between 1992-93 and 1994-95. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the production of films has been withdrawn from the Films Division, taking into consideration the factors such as—

(i) availability of facility for quality production in open market;

(ii) shortening of time taken for the prouction process; and

(iii) optimisation of the cost effectiveness of film production.

Expansion of cartoon films unit

6974. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite availability of the funds, steps have not been taken by Government to adequately expand the cartoon films unit;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of films produced annually by the unit has remained very small despite the fact that these films are very popular;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by Government to produce cartoon films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The proposal for creation of additional posts under the scheme "Expansion of Cartoon Film Unit for production of Animation Films" included in the 8th Plan could not be processed earlier in view of the impending Staff Inspection Unit Study of the Films Division and its implementation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Films Division has been achieving more than the annual target of about 4 to 6 cartoon films, which has been flexed taking into account the available infrastructure.

(e) As already stated, the proposal for creation of additional posts for the 8th Plan Scheme for production of more animation films is being processed. It is also proposed to acquire computer graphics for speedy completion of work of animated films during the Plan period.